



Corrections and Community Supervision

Unusual Incident Report

January – December 2019, with Ten-Year Trends from 2010 - 2019

Introduction

The Unusual Incident System maintains information on incidents that occur within the New York State Department of Correctional Services and Community Supervision (DOCCS). Unusual incidents are serious occurrences that may impact upon or disrupt facility operations, have the potential for disrupting the Department's public image, or might arouse widespread public interest. All unusual incidents are reported by telephone to the DOCCS Communication Control Center located in Albany and entered into the computer system via terminals at correctional facilities.

The reporting system is capable of recording information on more than one type of unusual incident that occurs as part of a series of events. This system can also identify all incarcerated individuals and staff listed in incidents, along with information about them, such as whether an injury was sustained by an incarcerated individual or a staff member, whether an incarcerated individual used a weapon, or whether a staff member used force.

This report includes information on unusual incidents that occurred during the current reporting year (January – December 2019), along with comparisons to trends in unusual incidents in the past ten years (2010 - 2019).

The report only covers incidents that occurred at DOCCS correctional facilities, and does not include incidents that took place at a Parole Diversion Program (PDP), Willard Drug Treatment Campus (WDTC), or those incidents involving releasees.

Table 1. Unusual Incident Type by Year: 2010 - 2019

Incident Type	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Accident	424	463	534	572	574	521	534	554	572	584
Assault on Incarcerated Individual	675	666	652	767	860	915	1,135	1,225	1,165	1,264
Assault on Other	16	2	4	7	8	7	12	9	11	12
Assault on Staff	577	563	524	645	747	895	759	800	972	1,034
Contraband	2,494	2,452	2,546	2,959	3,612	4,748	4,745	5,234	5,337	6,126
Death	131	123	123	145	131	124	152	158	142	118
Disruption of Facility	17	13	7	4	10	7	11	13	19	17
Disruptive Behavior	340	365	468	521	506	567	632	951	1,277	1,748
Employee Job Action	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	0
Employee Misconduct	163	130	140	120	117	116	106	93	103	94
Escape	2	4	1	1	0	2	1	0	1	0
Escape Attempt	0	2	2	1	2	1	1	2	5	4
Fire	32	30	22	34	16	30	24	25	22	25
Mass Demonstration	1	1	0	0	1	0	2	1	1	2
Property Destroyed	11	14	14	3	3	4	3	8	5	10
Property Lost or Stolen	112	83	76	75	57	69	79	83	94	71
Self-Inflicted Injury	57	80	114	74	91	73	77	113	115	77
Sexual Misconduct	71	63	53	51	58	69	39	40	45	34
Suicide Attempt	117	132	145	160	182	157	187	145	149	206
Temp Release Related	129	73	36	29	28	17	23	43	32	20
Weapons Used by Staff	155	170	143	203	191	205	293	714	1,217	1,847
Other Incidents	496	549	487	532	540	603	971	890	828	1,117
Total	6,020	5,980	6,092	6,903	7,734	9,130	9,786	11,103	12,113	14,410

Table 1 displays the number of unusual incidents by type from 2010 through 2019. The number of unusual incidents has increased 139% from 6,020 in 2010 to 14,410 in 2019. These higher incident numbers were largely due to increases in assaults on incarcerated individuals (+87%), assaults on staff (+79%), contraband (+146%), disruptive behavior (+414%), and weapons used by staff (+1,092%).

Table 2. Other Unusual Incidents by Type and Year: 2010 - 2019

Incident Type	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
AED Use	68	49	51	67	65	81	127	119	97	101
Arrest of Non-Parolee/Non-Employee	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	2	1
Attempted Assault Body Fluid/Human Waste	4	2	1	3	2	4	5	7	7	9
Contagious Disease	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
Drone	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Employee Order of Protection	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
Erroneous Release	4	3	3	2	1	6	4	1	1	2
Family Reunion Visit Other	4	3	2	3	6	3	3	3	1	2
Family Reunion Visit Termination	13	16	13	8	5	5	11	8	11	7
Hunger Strike	8	20	26	16	24	30	26	33	26	23
Medical Emergency	5	3	2	2	9	7	1	1	0	0
Narcan Use	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	281
Overall Facility Search	5	8	4	9	6	8	9	5	6	6
Pregnant Individual Shackled	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
Pregnant Individual- Staff in Delivery Room	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	0
Restraint Chair Use	1	10	4	5	7	3	6	12	5	3
Significant Exposure	24	32	31	35	38	46	49	42	56	61
Spit Net Use	57	50	50	63	65	81	85	81	108	113
Visitor Arrest	115	117	126	107	126	172	389	475	408	406
Visitor Limited Visual Search	171	222	161	200	165	144	222	74	82	55
Visitor Strip Search	3	1	2	0	1	3	4	1	1	2
Other	13	13	10	11	19	9	28	27	13	10
Total	496	549	487	532	540	603	971	890	828	1,117

Table 2 presents the specific unusual incident types that are combined together under the label of other incidents in Table 1. There were 1,117 other incidents in 2019, compared to 496 in 2010, an increase of 125%. The largest category among other incidents is visitor arrests. There were 406 visitor arrests in 2019, which accounted for 36% of other unusual incidents and represented a 253% increase from 2010.

Narcan use was added as an unusual incident type in 2019. There were 281 incidents with Narcan use, which represented 25% of other unusual incidents in 2019.

Table 3. Select Incidents by Facility, January - December 2019

Correctional Facility	Assault on Incar. Individ.	Assault on Staff	Contraband	Disruptive Behavior	Weapons Used by Staff	All Other	Total Incidents
Maximum Security							
Attica	36	35	252	102	105	130	660
Auburn	117	49	359	91	129	85	830
Bedford Hills	6	33	34	8	2	60	143
Clinton	150	42	364	161	202	132	1,051
Coxsackie	24	32	85	34	55	35	265
Downstate	21	15	85	33	27	63	244
Eastern	6	1	74	9	5	53	148
Elmira	125	43	222	65	88	95	638
Five Points	73	26	196	109	128	55	587
Great Meadow	117	67	354	117	142	70	867
Green Haven	66	60	261	94	113	105	699
Shawangunk	0	5	59	6	5	61	136
Sing Sing	49	85	308	75	101	101	719
Southport	0	18	31	15	18	12	94
Sullivan	3	55	67	52	49	24	250
Upstate	1	24	54	51	44	42	216
Wende	20	20	132	37	43	45	297
Sub-total	814	610	2,937	1,059	1,256	1,168	7,844
Special Housing SHU200							
Collins SHU200	0	6	22	12	6	18	64
Fishkill SHU200	0	12	22	17	21	12	84
Gouverneur SHU200	0	3	21	4	2	3	33
Greene SHU200	0	16	10	15	10	4	55
Lakeview SHU200	0	5	3	1	0	15	24
Mid-State SHU200	0	4	8	5	1	7	25
Orleans SHU200	0	46	86	54	4	95	285
Sub-total	1	37	77	47	44	26	232
Residential Mental Health Treatment Unit							
Bedford Hills TBU	0	12	1	1	1	11	26
Coxsackie RMHU	0	2	2	0	1	1	6
Five Points RMHU	5	33	18	25	15	11	107
Great Meadow BHU	0	17	5	7	3	9	41
Marcy RMHU	4	35	18	25	27	33	142
Sub-total	9	99	44	58	47	65	322
Regional Medical Unit							
Bedford Hills RMU	0	1	0	1	0	5	7
Coxsackie RMU	2	2	2	1	2	8	17
Walsh RMU	1	7	3	1	0	48	60
Wende RMU	0	4	1	5	2	13	25
Sub-total	3	14	6	8	4	74	109
Total Maximum Security	827	760	3,064	1,172	1,351	1,333	8,507

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Table 3. Select Incidents by Facility, January - December 2019 (cont.)

Correctional Facility	Assault on Incar. Indiv.	Assault on Staff	Contraband	Disruptive Behavior	Weapons Used by Staff	All Other	Total Incidents
Medium Security							
Adirondack	0	3	2	0	0	2	7
Albion	2	16	37	14	4	40	113
Altona	1	0	21	9	3	16	50
Bare Hill	21	6	137	15	10	44	233
Cape Vincent	10	6	125	23	25	11	200
Cayuga	1	7	92	6	9	33	148
Collins	18	10	165	19	17	38	267
Fishkill	15	15	114	31	28	64	267
Franklin	28	10	131	17	4	39	229
Gouverneur	13	9	121	3	7	27	180
Gowanda	25	7	96	13	10	49	200
Greene	86	14	181	44	45	58	428
Groveland	13	7	121	25	21	31	218
Hale Creek	0	1	14	1	1	6	23
Hudson	0	23	9	5	2	6	45
Lakeview	0	0	0	2	2	2	6
Livingston	2	1	31	7	6	7	54
Marcy	55	16	182	105	115	47	520
Midstate	26	36	194	71	60	93	480
Mohawk	41	11	270	43	38	62	465
Ogdensburg	0	4	38	6	6	14	68
Orleans	2	5	105	17	15	35	179
Otisville	1	1	33	6	6	9	56
Riverview	5	4	84	8	5	28	134
Taconic	0	1	17	3	3	14	38
Ulster	3	6	88	8	5	32	142
Wallkill	3	6	87	6	5	16	123
Washington	41	12	152	23	15	40	283
Watertown	3	4	40	4	3	17	71
Woodbourne	1	1	17	3	0	34	56
Wyoming	19	7	238	25	22	40	351
Sub-total	435	249	2,942	562	492	954	5,634
Regional Medical Unit							
Fishkill RMU	0	1	0	0	0	6	7
Total Medium Security	435	250	2,942	562	492	960	5,641
Shock							
Moriah Shock	0	0	1	0	0	2	3
Lakeview Shock	0	2	1	3	0	11	17
Sub-total	0	2	2	3	0	13	20
Minimum Security							
Edgecombe	0	0	12	2	0	2	16
Edgecombe Work Release	0	0	9	0	0	2	11
Fishkill Work Release	0	0	1	0	0	3	4
Hudson Ind Train	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Hudson Work Release	0	1	15	0	0	4	20
Lakeview Male Trans	0	4	2	0	0	2	8
Lincoln	0	0	18	0	0	10	28
Queensboro	2	6	20	1	1	7	37
Queensboro Work Release	0	2	17	0	0	10	29
Rochester	1	0	8	0	0	4	13
Sub-total	3	13	103	3	1	44	167
Total Minimum Security	3	15	105	6	1	57	187
Other							
Central Office	0	0	6	1	3	12	22
Grand Total	1,264	1,034	6,126	1,748	1,847	2,391	14,410

The types of contraband found in DOCCS facilities in the ten-year period from 2010 to 2019 is presented in Table 4A. Between 2010 and 2019, the total number of contraband incidents increased by 146%. Between 2018 and 2019, the number of contraband incidents increased by 15%. Aside from a few incidents, synthetic drugs were not reported until 2013. In 2019, synthetic drugs accounted for 53% of the drug contraband incidents, an increase from 2018 when synthetic drugs comprised 42% of the drug contraband incidents.

Between 2010 and 2019, besides synthetic drugs, the largest contraband increases were among prescription drugs (+537%) and cutting/stabbing weapons (+71%). During that time, cell phone recoveries decreased by 24%.

Table 4B displays the type of contraband recovered at each DOCCS facility during 2019.

Table 4A. Contraband Incidents by Type: 2010 - 2019

Contraband Type	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Alcohol										
Commercial Alcohol	9	7	6	14	13	9	5	11	10	15
Homemade Alcohol	1	1	0	4	5	0	3	5	4	13
Sub-total	10	8	6	18	18	9	8	16	14	28
Drug										
Cocaine	24	26	15	27	25	42	48	54	31	56
Fentanyl	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Heroin	52	51	47	55	66	82	78	58	52	38
Illegal Drug	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marijuana	592	574	547	524	475	523	672	662	552	506
Prescription Drug	154	199	238	343	416	606	797	945	968	981
Synthetic Drug	1	0	2	248	674	1,104	838	1,105	1,223	1,912
Other Drug	49	59	147	71	61	98	83	102	103	129
Sub-total	872	909	998	1,272	1,717	2,455	2,516	2,926	2,929	3,630
Electronic Device										
Cell Phone	85	66	71	58	59	71	71	55	53	65
Media Storage: CD/DVD/USB	0	0	26	26	16	27	22	26	23	31
Other Electronic Device	45	42	33	15	29	53	41	35	33	50
Sub-total	130	108	130	99	104	151	134	116	109	146
Weapon Cut/Stab										
Can Lid	198	199	176	230	237	267	216	136	149	150
Cutting Instrument	175	212	188	206	334	476	456	512	511	452
Hardback Razorblade	5	8	9	8	7	6	11	3	4	6
Ice Pick	193	156	180	242	261	323	279	259	255	252
Manufactured Knife	16	14	21	20	17	32	32	16	26	31
Razor Blade	276	224	256	256	269	321	354	362	344	364
Scalpel/Exacto Blade	63	80	97	68	106	140	193	242	258	223
Shank	210	204	204	227	244	210	204	263	262	343
Toothbrush	73	76	77	96	90	97	100	142	232	261
Utility Razorblade	22	18	9	25	19	20	19	24	20	22
Sub-total	1,231	1,191	1,217	1,378	1,584	1,892	1,864	1,959	2,061	2,104
Weapon Other										
Ammunition	12	6	13	6	6	9	9	6	9	20
Explosive	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Manufactured Gun	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	1
Zip Gun	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Weighted Cloth	54	55	41	54	59	68	56	59	70	56
Other Weapons	44	26	32	30	20	38	24	22	21	26
Sub-total	112	88	87	90	85	116	90	88	101	103
Other Contraband										
Cash	76	86	70	67	59	79	81	84	62	76
Escape Paraphernalia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Hypodermic Needle/Syringe	6	9	6	8	12	11	17	12	14	5
Other	58	53	32	27	33	35	35	33	47	32
Sub-total	140	148	108	102	104	125	133	129	123	115
Grand Total	2,495	2,452	2,546	2,959	3,612	4,748	4,745	5,234	5,337	6,126

Table 4B. Number of Contraband Incidents by Facility: January - December 2019

Facility and Security Level	Alcohol	Drug	Electronic Device	Weapon Cut/Stab	Weapon Other	Other Contraband	Total
Maximum Security							
Attica	1	90	12	136	8	5	252
Auburn	5	142	3	204	1	4	359
Bedford Hills	0	24	5	2	1	2	34
Clinton	0	173	2	174	8	7	364
Coxsackie	0	47	4	32	1	1	85
Downstate	0	45	3	33	2	2	85
Eastern	0	48	7	14	3	2	74
Elmira	0	62	1	156	2	1	222
Five Points	0	94	0	96	2	4	196
Great Meadow	0	179	2	167	3	3	354
Green Haven	7	120	5	114	2	13	261
Shawangunk	1	42	1	10	3	2	59
Sing Sing	8	119	42	131	1	7	308
Southport	0	14	0	14	2	1	31
Sullivan	0	34	4	27	2	0	67
Upstate	1	26	0	22	1	4	54
Wende	1	55	11	63	2	0	132
Sub-total	24	1,314	102	1,395	44	58	2,937
SHU 200							
Collins SHU200	0	19	0	3	0	0	22
Fishkill SHU200	0	16	0	5	0	1	22
Gouverneur SHU200	0	17	0	4	0	0	21
Greene SHU200	0	2	0	7	0	1	10
Mid-State SHU200	0	2	0	1	0	0	3
Orleans SHU200	0	7	0	1	0	0	8
Sub-total	0	63	0	21	0	2	86
RMHTU							
Bedford Hills TBU	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Coxsackie RMHU	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
Five Points RMHU	0	2	0	11	3	2	18
Great Meadow BHU	0	2	0	3	0	0	5
Marcy RMHU	0	7	0	7	1	3	18
Sub-total	0	12	0	23	4	5	44
Regional Medical Unit							
Coxsackie RMU	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Walsh RMU	0	1	0	2	0	0	3
Wende RMU	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Sub-total	0	1	1	2	2	0	6
Total Maximum Security	24	1,390	103	1,441	50	65	3,073

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Table 4B. Number of Contraband Incidents by Facility: January - December 2019 (cont.)

Facility and Security Level	Alcohol	Drug	Electronic Device	Weapon Cut/Stab	Weapon Other	Other Contraband	Total
Medium Security							
Adirondack	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
Albion	0	20	3	8	5	1	37
Altona	0	14	0	5	2	0	21
Bare Hill	0	103	3	23	4	4	137
Cape Vincent	0	93	1	30	1	0	125
Cayuga	0	76	2	12	1	1	92
Collins	0	139	2	22	2	0	165
Fishkill	0	88	4	18	1	3	114
Franklin	0	84	0	43	1	3	131
Gouverneur	0	103	1	17	0	0	121
Gowanda	0	72	1	19	2	2	96
Greene	0	102	2	69	4	4	181
Groveland	0	98	1	20	1	1	121
Hale Creek	0	14	0	0	0	0	14
Hudson	0	0	1	5	0	3	9
Livingston	0	21	0	8	1	1	31
Marcy	0	102	0	69	9	2	182
Midstate	0	122	0	62	6	4	194
Mohawk	0	215	1	51	2	1	270
Ogdensburg	0	30	3	5	0	0	38
Orleans	0	92	1	10	0	2	105
Otisville	0	26	2	5	0	0	33
Riverview	0	67	1	12	2	2	84
Taconic	0	14	0	1	0	2	17
Ulster	0	61	2	20	1	4	88
Wallkill	1	79	1	6	0	0	87
Washington	0	92	2	52	4	2	152
Watertown	0	33	1	5	0	1	40
Woodbourne	0	13	0	3	1	0	17
Wyoming	1	179	1	56	0	1	238
Sub-total	2	2,152	37	656	51	44	2,942
Shock							
Lakeview Shock	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Moriah Shock	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Sub-total	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
Minimum Security							
Edgecombe	0	10	0	1	0	1	12
Edgecombe Work Release	0	6	1	1	0	1	9
Fishkill Work Release	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Hudson Ind Train	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Hudson Work Release	0	10	3	1	0	1	15
Lakeview Male Trans	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
Lincoln	0	14	0	2	0	2	18
Queensboro	0	19	1	0	0	0	20
Queensboro Work Release	1	16	0	0	0	0	17
Rochester	0	8	0	0	0	0	8
Sub-total	1	86	5	6	0	5	103
Other							
Central Office	1	1	0	1	2	1	6
Grand Total	28	3,630	146	2,104	103	115	6,126

Table 5. Unusual Incident Type by Location: January - December 2019

Incident Type	Admin Areas	Assembly or Gym	Hospital	Housing Unit	Mental Health Units	Mess Hall	Other	Outside Facility	Shop or Class	SHU	Visit/ Process	Walkway or Corridor	Yard	Total
Accident	19	89	23	114	5	26	29	63	26	20	3	54	113	584
Assault on Incar. Individ.	1	33	6	489	10	55	26	7	24	4	3	198	408	1,264
Assault on Other	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	10	0	0	12
Assault on Staff	4	6	60	294	181	36	59	13	26	214	14	95	32	1,034
Contraband	493	64	221	2,403	89	113	654	184	102	310	494	543	456	6,126
Death	0	0	31	30	2	0	0	46	0	8	0	0	1	118
Disruption of Facility	3	0	0	1	0	0	7	2	0	1	3	0	0	17
Disruptive Behavior	7	30	73	622	164	123	68	9	38	238	10	156	210	1,748
Employee Misconduct	7	0	3	1	0	1	4	74	3	0	0	1	0	94
Escape Attempt	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	4
Fire	2	0	0	17	1	0	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	25
Mass Demonstration	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Property Destroyed	0	0	3	2	1	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	10
Property Lost or Stolen	6	0	11	3	1	0	20	18	10	2	0	0	0	71
Self-Inflicted Injury	0	0	10	19	38	0	1	0	0	9	0	0	0	77
Sexual Misconduct	0	2	0	7	0	0	2	2	0	0	21	0	0	34
Suicide Attempt	0	0	9	56	39	0	1	0	0	99	0	0	2	206
Temp Release Related	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	20
Weapons Used by Staff	10	30	57	604	129	144	75	8	51	195	10	187	347	1,847
Other Incidents	225	3	152	200	53	6	46	119	8	99	153	23	30	1,117
Total	777	258	660	4,863	713	504	999	568	289	1,201	721	1,257	1,600	14,410
Percent	5%	2%	5%	34%	5%	3%	7%	4%	2%	8%	5%	9%	11%	100%

* Mental Health Units include: Residential Mental Health Unit (RMHU), Behavioral Health Unit (BHU), Therapeutic Behavioral Unit (TBU), Intermediate Care Program (ICP) and OMH Residential Crisis Treatment Program Units (RCTP, also refers to OMH Satellite Units).

Table 5 displays incident type by location for 2019. For most incident types, the most frequent incident location was housing units. This was the case for assaults on incarcerated individuals, assaults on staff, contraband, disruptive behavior, and several other incident types.

Table 6. Unusual Incident Type by Incarcerated Individual Weapon Use: January - December 2019

Incident Type	No Weapon Used	Body as Weapon	Clubs	Cut/Stab Weapon	Garrotte	Human Waste/ Fluids	Metal Objects	Other	Unknown	Total Individuals
Accident	477	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	477
Assault on Incar. Individ.	1,060	156	65	1,189	0	1	15	56	24	2,566
Assault on Staff	84	721	28	7	0	94	2	203	0	1,139
Assault on Other	1	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
Contraband	6,163	3	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	6,173
Death	112	1	0	1	15	0	0	0	0	129
Disruptive Behavior	1,035	2,362	2	6	2	0	3	2	1	3,413
Disruption of Facility	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Employee Misconduct	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
Escape Attempt	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Fire	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41
Mass Demonstration	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36
Property Destroyed	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Property Lost or Stolen	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29
Self-Inflicted Injury	13	6	0	40	6	0	0	12	3	80
Sexual Misconduct	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39
Suicide Attempt	32	2	0	43	124	0	0	9	2	212
Temp Release Related	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
Weapons Used by Staff	2,952	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,957
Other Incidents	1,129	2	0	0	0	11	0	4	0	1,146
Total	13,253	3,269	96	1,293	147	106	20	286	30	18,500
Percent	72%	18%	1%	7%	1%	1%	0%	2%	0%	100%

Table 6 details the weapons used by incarcerated individuals in unusual incidents. For DOCCS reporting purposes, use of body, such as fists or kicks, is considered as a type of weapon in classifying incidents. Previous tables in this report were incident-based. This section of the report focuses on all incarcerated individuals involved in incidents. There were 18,500 instances where incarcerated individuals were associated with unusual incidents in 2019; these are not 18,500 unique incarcerated individuals. Many incarcerated individuals are involved in multiple incidents; the numbers presented here reflect each instance where an incarcerated individual is connected to an incident.

No weapons were used by 13,253 (72%) of the incarcerated individuals linked to incidents. Thus, there were 5,247 incarcerated individuals who did use weapons. Of those who used a weapon, 3,269 (62%) used a fist, kick or other body attack. Of those using weapons, 1,293 incarcerated individuals (25%) used cutting or stabbing weapons.

**Table 7. Unusual Incident Type by Most Serious Level of Staff Use of Force:
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Incident Type	No Force	Body Hold	Mechanical Restraint	Shield	Strike	Chemical Agents	Baton	Firearm	Other	Total
Accident	583	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	584
Assault on Incar. Individ.	973	53	5	0	1	223	8	0	0	1,264
Assault On Staff	371	330	50	13	54	198	18	1	0	1,034
Assault On Other	11	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
Contraband	5,991	111	9	0	3	8	1	0	3	6,126
Death	118	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	118
Disruptive Behavior	293	121	8	62	2	1,239	19	1	3	1,748
Disruption of Facility	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
Employee Misconduct	94	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	94
Escape Attempt	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Fire	24	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25
Mass Demonstration	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Property Destruction	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Property Lost Stolen	71	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	71
Self-Injury	74	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	77
Sexual Misconduct	33	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	34
Suicide Attempt	188	12	1	1	0	3	1	0	0	206
Temporary Release	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
Weapons Used by Staff	1,795	0	0	0	1	45	2	2	2	1,847
Other Incidents	1,062	41	6	1	0	0	0	0	7	1,117
TOTAL	11,732	675	81	77	61	1,716	49	4	15	14,410
Percent	81%	5%	1%	1%	0%	12%	0%	0%	0%	100%

Note: This table is based upon a count of the total number of incidents and the highest level of force used in each incident and is not a count of all the times that staff used force.

Tables 7 and 8 detail the degree of staff force that was used in unusual incidents. If more than one type of staff force was used in an incident, the most serious type was selected. Table 7 presents different types of staff force progressively from less serious to more serious, left to right. Staff force was used in 2,678 (19%) incidents in 2019.

Table 7 displays the most serious type of staff force used in each of the incident types that occurred in 2019. No staff force was used in 11,732 (81%) incidents. Of the 2,678 incidents where force was used, 1,716 (64%) involved the use of chemical agents.

Table 8 displays staff use of force for the ten-year period from 2010 to 2019. In 2010, there were 6,020 unusual incidents, with staff force used in 830 (14%) of the incidents. In 2019, the number of incidents where staff force was used increased to 2,678, or 19% of all incidents. Between 2018 and 2019, incidents with staff use of force increased by 29%, from 2,084 to 2,678, while the proportion of incidents with staff use of force increased from 17% to 19%. Chemical agent use increased by 58%, from 1,089 in 2018 to 1,716 in 2019. Shield, strike, and baton use all declined between 2018 and 2019.

Table 8. Staff Use of Force in Unusual Incidents by Security Level: 2010 - 2019

Type of Force	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Maximum Security										
No Force Used	3,290	3,292	3,193	3,505	3,554	3,939	4,424	5,302	5,705	6,618
Body Hold	396	375	345	367	378	415	371	394	466	491
Mechanic Restraint	106	75	77	70	69	88	56	61	58	51
Shield	33	35	48	54	56	64	72	82	86	71
Strike	1	49	87	116	152	160	70	57	55	51
Chemical Agents	45	51	53	64	54	54	184	548	929	1,220
Baton	86	107	85	122	117	128	79	66	58	46
Firearm	0	1	0	1	2	6	2	4	0	4
Other	13	10	7	17	19	15	24	25	10	8
Sub-total	3,970	3,995	3,895	4,316	4,401	4,869	5,282	6,539	7,367	8,560
Medium Security										
No Force Used	1,636	1,679	1,906	2,261	2,902	3,821	4,148	4,102	4,143	4,925
Body Hold	96	94	110	128	167	225	180	179	192	168
Mechanic Restraint	30	18	18	24	37	39	24	31	21	29
Shield	3	2	4	3	4	2	3	1	7	6
Strike	0	4	9	21	20	30	17	20	23	10
Chemical Agents	7	0	2	1	1	1	7	42	159	495
Baton	2	3	1	3	12	14	6	5	4	3
Other	2	1	0	7	3	5	3	2	6	5
Sub-total	1,776	1,801	2,050	2,448	3,146	4,137	4,388	4,382	4,555	5,641
Minimum Security										
No Force Used	256	170	128	121	156	109	96	142	165	170
Body Hold	8	8	1	10	16	12	5	16	8	16
Mechanic Restraint	2	2	0	2	1	1	1	1	0	1
Chemical Agents	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Strike	0	0	0	1	2	2	2	3	1	0
Baton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Firearm	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Sub-total	266	180	129	134	175	124	104	165	175	187
Other										
No Force Used	8	4	18	5	11	0	12	16	16	19
Strike	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Chemical Agents	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Sub-total	8	4	18	5	12	0	12	17	16	22
All Security Levels										
No Force Used	5,190	5,145	5,245	5,892	6,623	7,869	8,680	9,562	10,029	11,732
Body Hold	500	477	456	505	561	652	556	589	666	675
Mechanic Restraint	138	95	95	96	107	128	81	93	79	81
Shield	36	37	52	57	60	66	75	83	93	77
Strike	1	53	96	138	175	192	89	81	79	61
Chemical Agents	52	51	55	65	55	55	191	590	1,089	1,716
Baton	88	110	86	125	129	142	85	73	62	49
Firearm	0	1	0	1	2	6	2	5	0	4
Other	15	11	7	24	22	20	27	27	16	15
Grand Total	6,020	5,980	6,092	6,903	7,734	9,130	9,786	11,103	12,113	14,410

Note: This table is based upon a count of the total number of incidents and the highest level of force used in each incident and is not a count of all the times that staff used force.

Table 9. Unusual Incident Type by Degree of Staff Injury: January - December 2019

Incident Type	No Injury		Minor		Moderate		Serious		Severe		Total Staff
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Accident	2,149	94.8%	18	0.8%	21	0.9%	77	3.4%	2	0.1%	2,267
Assault on Incar. Indiv.	4,950	97.8%	108	2.1%	3	0.1%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	5,062
Assault on Other	53	91.4%	5	8.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	58
Assault on Staff	4,489	76.2%	1,316	22.3%	48	0.8%	35	0.6%	1	0.0%	5,889
Contraband	23,161	99.5%	121	0.5%	3	0.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	23,286
Death	1,504	99.9%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	1,505
Disruption of Facility	144	98.0%	1	0.7%	2	1.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	147
Disruptive Behavior	8,602	92.6%	676	7.3%	7	0.1%	9	0.1%	0	0.0%	9,294
Employee Misconduct	502	99.4%	2	0.4%	1	0.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	505
Escape Attempt	42	97.7%	1	2.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	43
Fire	175	82.9%	33	15.6%	3	1.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	211
Mass Demonstration	24	96.0%	1	4.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	25
Property Destroyed	31	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	31
Property Lost or Stolen	295	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	295
Self-Inflicted Injury	313	99.1%	3	0.9%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	316
Sexual Misconduct	166	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	166
Suicide Attempt	1,148	98.7%	15	1.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1,163
Temp Release Related	52	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	52
Weapons Used by Staff	4,621	99.8%	6	0.1%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	4,628
Other Incidents	4,766	97.8%	55	1.1%	49	1.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	4,871
Total	57,187	95.6%	2,361	3.9%	138	0.2%	125	0.2%	3	0.0%	59,814

Table 9 details the injuries to DOCCS staff members, including both the number of staff members injured and the extent of their injuries. The previous tables in this report have been incident-based; this section and the one that follows are individual-based. Each number here represents a staff member who was listed in an unusual incident. Staff members can respond to multiple incidents and be counted more than once. This means that instead of the total column representing the total number of incidents, it now represents the total number of staff members who were involved in an incident or incident category.

The majority of staff involved in incidents (96%) were not injured. Assaults on staff had the highest number of staff injuries (1,400). Of those 1,400 injuries, 94% (1,316) resulted in only minor injuries. Accidents had the highest number of serious and severe injuries (79) of any incident type.

Table 10. Unusual Incident Type by Degree of Incarcerated Individual Injury: January - December 2019

Incident Type	No Injury	Minor	Moderate	Serious	Severe	Total Individuals
Accident	37	11	103	325	1	477
Assault on Incar. Individ.	916	1,262	344	43	1	2,566
Assault on Other	11	2	0	0	0	13
Assault on Staff	681	439	8	9	2	1,139
Contraband	6,072	95	4	2	0	6,173
Death	124	1	1	0	3	129
Disruption of Facility	8	0	0	0	0	8
Disruptive Behavior	2,068	1,068	88	188	1	3,413
Employee Misconduct	11	0	0	1	0	12
Escape Attempt	1	2	1	0	0	4
Fire	35	5	1	0	0	41
Mass Demonstration	36	0	0	0	0	36
Property Destroyed	7	0	0	0	0	7
Property Lost or Stolen	29	0	0	0	0	29
Self-Inflicted Injury	9	10	54	7	0	80
Sexual Misconduct	38	1	0	0	0	39
Suicide Attempt	71	100	32	9	0	212
Temp Release Related	19	0	0	0	0	19
Weapons Used by Staff	2,946	11	0	0	0	2,957
Other Incidents	1,117	29	0	0	0	1,146
Total	14,236	3,036	636	584	8	18,500
Percent	77%	16%	3%	3%	0%	100%

Table 10 details the injuries to DOCCS incarcerated individuals, including the number of incarcerated individuals injured and the extent of their injuries. The previous tables in this report have been incident-based; this section is individual-based. Each number here represents an incarcerated individual who was listed in an unusual incident. Incarcerated individuals can be attached to multiple incidents and be counted more than once. This means that instead of the total column representing the total number of incidents, it now represents the total number of incarcerated individuals who were involved in an incident or incident category. Assaults on incarcerated individuals had the highest number of incarcerated individual injuries (1,650), while accidents had the highest number of serious and severe injuries (326).

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